



SELECTION CRITERIA FOR ARCHERY AUSTRALIA 2017 WORLD PARA ARCHERY CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM

1. Background

- (a) The Archery Australia (**AA**) 2017 Australian Archery World Para Championships Team (**Team**) will compete at the 2017 World Para Archery Championships (**Competition**) which is to be held on **12th to 17th September 2017** in China.
- (b) This selection policy (**Policy**) details the process and criteria by which AA will select athletes to the Team to compete at the Competition.
- (c) This Policy can be amended at any time by AA if AA is of the opinion that such an amendment is necessary for any of the following reasons:
 - (i) as a result of any change in Team eligibility criteria or rules;
 - (ii) as a result of any change in the rules governing the Competition or a particular event;
 - (iii) to give effect to the Policy following a drafting error or oversight; or
 - (iv) to clarify any ambiguity or otherwise give effect to the intended meaning of the Policy.
- (d) AA will publish amendments to the Policy on its website and those amendments shall take effect immediately. Otherwise, AA shall not be responsible or liable in any way to anyone as a result of any such amendment.

2. Team composition

- (a) The AA Selection Panel will select the Team.
- (b) When selecting the Team, the AA Selection Panel will select the Team based on this Policy, the composition of which is to be determined by the AA Selection Panel and is to consist of a maximum of:
 - (i) 3 Compound Male and 3 Compound Female athletes
 - (ii) 3 W1 Male and 3 W1 Female athletes
 - (iii) 3 Recurve Male and 3 Recurve Female athletes
 - (iv) 3 VI athletes
 - (v) 3 VI 2/3 athletes.

- (c) Neither this Policy, nor AA or World Archery (**WA**) require AA to select the maximum number of athletes to the Team. Final Team members and composition of the Team are determined at the absolute discretion of the AA Selection Panel as set out in this Policy. For the avoidance of doubt and subject to automatic selection under paragraphs 4(f), 4(g) and 4(h), nothing in this Policy operates so as to require the Selection Panel to select any athletes to the Team or fill all available positions on the Team.
- (d) For the avoidance of doubt, athletes selected to the Team in the individual event are also eligible to be, but are not automatically, selected for the team or mixed team event in the Competition.

3. Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for selection in the Team for the Competition, an athlete must:

- (a) have lodged their interest in representing Australia at the Competition to AA by **10th March 2017** [CLICK HERE](#). Interest for the purposes of this paragraph can be lodged either by the submission of scores to AA or the lodgement of a separate form (as advised by AA from time to time). By lodging their interest to represent Australia at the Competition, athletes are deemed to have read, understood and agreed to be bound by this Policy;
- (b) be affiliated, and in good standing, with AA;
- (c) meet all eligibility rules, including any age requirements, imposed by WA (if applicable);
- (d) be eligible to represent Australia in the Competition. This requires that an athlete either be born in Australia, or be a citizen of Australia, or have resided in Australia for at least the three years immediately preceding the Competition; and,
- (e) not have represented another country in the three (3) years preceding the start date of the Competition in a recognised WA international archery event in any age group. Athletes that have previously represented another country in a recognised WA international archery event may represent Australia only with the prior approval of WA.

4. Athlete Selection Process and Criteria

- (a) Athletes are to be selected in accordance with the selection process (**Selection Process**) as described in this clause 4.
- (b) For the Competition, the Automatic Qualifying Score (**AQS**) and the Minimum Qualifying Score (**MQS**) for each category is:

	AQS	MQS
Recurve Male	630	615
Recurve Women	590	550
Compound Male	685	670

	AQS	MQS
Compound Women	660	640
W1 Men	635	600
W1 Women	580	560
VI 1	N/A	180
VI 2/3	N/A	230

Selection Process

- (c) For the Competition, the following process is the selection process to select athletes to the Team (**Selection Process**).
- (d) In determining whether athletes have achieved the applicable AQS or MQS only results between **1st August 2016** and **26th March 2017** are applicable (**Performance Window**). At the completion of the Performance Window, athletes will be invited to stage two of the Selection Process (**Stage Two**) based on paragraphs 4(e) to 4(h). Only scores achieved at QRE Events detailed in the Schedule to this Policy (**Schedule**) are eligible to achieve an AQS or MQS and to go towards consideration under the Selection Process for invitation to Stage Two or selection to the Team. Further, in order for any of the athlete's scores achieved during the Performance Window to be eligible for consideration under the Selection Process and go towards selection to the Team or invitation to Stage Two, at least one of the three relevant scores must be shot at an AA Approved Event as detailed in the Schedule.
- (e) Should an athlete achieve the applicable MQS at least three times during the Performance Window and where at least one of the three relevant scores was shot at an AA Approved Event, that athlete will be invited to Stage Two.
- (f) Where the number of athletes who achieve an applicable AQS at least three times during the Performance Window is equal to the number of available positions on the Team (for the applicable gender/discipline), then all of those athletes are to be invited to Stage Two and selected to the Team. Where this occurs, athletes who achieved the MQS at least three times (but did not achieve the AQS at least three times during the Performance Window) will also be invited to Stage Two, however they only become eligible to be selected to the Team if there are positions on the Team remaining after all athletes who achieved the applicable AQS have been offered a position on the Team (emphasis added).
- (g) If more athletes achieve the applicable AQS during the Performance Window at least three times than there are available positions on the Team (for the applicable gender/discipline), then all of those athletes are to be invited to Stage Two, with subsequent selection to the Team then conducted in accordance with paragraphs 4(j) to 4(n). Where this occurs, athletes who achieved the MQS at least three times (but did not achieve the AQS at least three times) during the Performance Window will also be invited to Stage Two, however they only become eligible to be selected to the Team if there are positions on the Team remaining after all athletes who achieved the applicable AQS have been offered a position on the Team (emphasis added).

- (h) Where the number of athletes who achieve the applicable AQS at least three times during the Performance Window is less than the number of available positions on the Team (for the applicable gender/discipline), then all athletes who achieved the applicable AQS at least three times are to be invited to Stage Two and selected to the Team. Athletes who achieved the MQS at least three times (but did not achieve the AQS at least three times) during the Performance Window are also to be invited to Stage Two with subsequent selection to the Team then conducted in accordance with paragraphs 4(j) to 4(n). However, such discretion need not be exercised and the AA Selection Panel is not required to select any athletes who have not achieved the AQS at least three times during the Performance Window. For the avoidance of doubt, athletes who did not achieve the MQS (for the applicable gender/discipline) at least three times during the Performance Window are not eligible to be selected to the Team.
- (i) Notwithstanding the above, when making its decision under paragraph 4(h), the AA Selection Panel may consider any relevant factors, results, performances and indicia at the discretion of the AA Selection Panel. This discretion is absolute and it need not be exercised. In exercising its discretion, the AA Selection Panel may consider any factor, or combination of factors that is, in the opinion of the AA Selection Panel, relevant for consideration when selecting which athletes to invite to Stage Two and may attribute whatever weight it deems appropriate to any particular factor when making its decision.

Stage Two

- (j) Stage Two will occur at a time, date and place to be determined by AA and as set out in the Schedule. Where there are automatic selections in accordance with clause 4(f), then the positions in the Team are filled in accordance with that clause and there are no further positions to be filled.
- (k) Where there are automatic selections for those who achieved the AQS at least three times, as per clause 4(h), the AA Selection Panel may select athletes to fill the remaining positions in the Team at its absolute discretion. In exercising its discretion, the AA Selection Panel may consider any factor, or combination of factors that is, in the opinion of the AA Selection Panel, relevant for consideration when determining which athletes to select to the Team and may attribute whatever weight it deems appropriate to any particular factor when making its decision.
- (l) Where selection is proceeding in accordance with clause 4(g), the athletes will then be ranked following the completion of Stage Two in accordance with the Ranking Process outlined in the Schedule. In relation to AQS Athletes (defined in this paragraph below), the number of athletes selected to the Team will then be the number of top-ranked athletes that corresponds to the number of positions available on the Team (for example, where three positions are available, the top three-ranked athletes according to the Ranking Process at Stage Two are selected to the Team). Where there are positions remaining to be filled after all AQS Athletes have been offered a position on the Team, the AA Selection Panel may select MQS Athletes (defined in this paragraph below) to fill the remaining positions in the Team at its absolute discretion. Such discretion need not be exercised. In exercising its discretion, the AA Selection Panel are not bound to select the MQS Athletes based on the ranking of the MQS Athletes under the Ranking Process under Stage Two (as described in the Schedule) and may consider any factor, or combination of factors that is, in the opinion of the AA Selection Panel, relevant for consideration when

determining which athletes to select to the Team and may attribute whatever weight it deems appropriate to any particular factor when making its decision. For the avoidance of doubt, an athlete's performance during the Performance Window is not relevant for ranking the athletes under the Ranking Process at Stage Two, except for the requirement that where selection is proceeding in accordance with this paragraph, athletes who achieved the AQS three times during the Performance Window (**AQS Athlete**) automatically outrank an athlete who achieved the MQS (but not the AQS) (**MQS Athlete**) as per the Ranking Process.

- (m) In the event of a tie at the completion of Stage Two between two or more athletes based on the Ranking Process, and that tie directly determines whether those athletes are to be selected onto the Team or not (for example, a tie for second where only two athletes are to be selected), the athletes will be separated using the Tie Breaker Process provided in the Schedule.
- (n) Notwithstanding the Selection Process outlined above, where an athlete with an established record of high-level results (high-level results in this context is to be determined at the discretion of the AA Selection Panel and may include having shot an MQS at previous international or national competitions) is unable to compete during the Performance Window (e.g. through illness, injury or some other unavailability) and therefore does not shoot the AQS or MQS during that period, that athlete may be invited to Stage Two or selected to the Team at the discretion of the AA Selection Panel. For the avoidance of doubt, an athlete may be selected to the Team under this paragraph even where they have not participated in a stage of, or the entire, Selection Process at the discretion of the AA Selection Panel.

5. Appeals

Appeals will be conducted in accordance with, and governed by, the procedures provided in the AA Team Selection Appeal Procedure.

6. Team Membership

- (a) Athletes selected to the Team are to sign a Team Agreement to confirm their selection and agree to be bound by its terms and conditions.
- (b) Athletes agree that the AA Selection Panel may remove an athlete from the Team where:
 - (i) that athlete has not met AA's requirements in relation to training and participation in training camps as required by AA;
 - (ii) that athlete has not completed, signed and returned to the AA the Team Agreement, Medical and Next of Kin form and a guardian form (where applicable) as required by AA.
- (c) Athletes agree and acknowledge that (where applicable) selection in the Team is subject to AA receiving payment from the Athlete for participation in the Competition as a Team member.

SCHEDULE STAGE TWO DETAILS

1. Stage Two Details

Stage Two selection will occur as part of the 2017 Para and VI National Championships which is to be held on 25th and 26th March 2017, at the Tuggeranong Archers. The ranking round phase of Stage 2 will be the 2017 Para and VI National Championships and the Matchplay phase of Stage 2 will be based on the Round Robin Matchplay to be held 26th March 2017

2. Stage Two Ranking Process

The below ranking process (**Ranking Process**) outlines how athletes are to be ranked at Stage Two, where ranking at Stage Two is relevant for the selection to the Team as part of the Selection Process.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Ranking Process only applies where the Selection Process is proceeding in accordance with clause 4(g) of the Policy - that is, where more athletes achieved the applicable AQS during the Performance Window at least three times than there are available positions on the Team (for the applicable gender/discipline).

Stage Two will consist of two separate phases: Ranking Round and Round Robin Matchplay. In ranking the athletes at the completion of Stage Two, both phases are afforded 50% weighting.

At the completion of both phases, athletes will be allocated a score based on points accrued during both phases of Stage Two. Athletes will be ranked according to their points accrued (lowest points accrued being the best, and highest ranked, and higher points accrued leads to a lower ranking). For the avoidance of doubt, the aim is to accrue as low a points tally as possible during Stage Two, so that less points accrued (compared to another athlete) equals a better ranking. Note that all athletes who achieved the AQS at least three times during the Performance Window (**AQS Athlete**) are automatically ranked higher than all athletes participating in Stage Two who achieved the MQS (but not the AQS at least three times) during the Performance Window (**MQS Athlete**), regardless of their points accrued during Stage Two. (e.g. if there are 4 AQS Athletes and 6 MQS Athletes participating in Stage Two, the top four-ranked athletes will always be the 4 AQS Athletes (who will be ranked amongst themselves based on points accrued during Stage Two) and then the next ranked athletes will be the 6 MQS Athletes.

The number of AQS Athletes (ranked in order) that equal the number of positions available in the Team will then be selected to the Team (e.g. where there are three positions on the Team, the top three-ranked AQS athletes will be selected to the Team). Where there are positions remaining to be filled in the Team after all AQS athletes have been offered a position on the Team, the MQS Athletes are then eligible to be selected to the Team at the absolute discretion of the AA Selection Panel. Such discretion need not be exercised. For the avoidance of doubt, the ranking of the MQS Athletes under the Ranking Process is not determinative of the order in which they must be selected under paragraph 4(g) and 4(l).

Phase One: Ranking Round

A 72 arrow Ranking Round will be completed at Stage Two.

The total accumulated number of Ranking Round points will form 50% of the final ranking of athletes at the completion of Stage Two.

Recurve Men	Recurve Women	Compound Men	Compound Women	W1 Men	W1 Women	VI 1	VI 2/3	Points allocated
630	590	685	660	635	580	195	245	1
625	585	680	655	630	575	190	240	2
620	580	675	650	625	570	185	235	3
615	575	670	645	620	565	180	230	4
610	570	665	640	615	560	175	225	5
605	565	660	635	610	555	170	220	6
600	560	655	630	605	550	165	215	7
595 or less	555 or less	650 or less	625 or less	600 or less	545 or less	160 or less	210 or less	8

Phase Two: Round Robin Matchplay

Every athlete will be allocated points as detailed below following the completion of every match that they shoot in the Round Robin Matchplay competition to be held during Stage Two. The total accumulated number of Round Robin Matchplay points will form 50% of the final ranking of athletes at the completion of Stage Two.

- (a) 1 point will be allocated if every end that the athlete shoots in their match is equal to or higher than the prescribed end score
- (b) 2 points will be allocated if some ends that the athlete shoots in their match are equal to or higher than the prescribed end scores
- (c) 3 points will be allocated if no ends that the athlete shoots in their match is equal to or higher than the prescribed end score

Please note that only the first 3 ends of Recurve matches will be used given that Recurve matches do not have a consistent number of ends.

Category	Matchplay End Score
Recurve Men	25
Recurve Women	23
Compound Men	27
Compound Women	26

W1 Men	25
W1 Women	23
VI 1	7.5
VI 2/3	10

3. AA Approved Events

At least one AQS or MQS score must be shot by athletes in the W1, Recurve, Compound and VI classifications at one of the following AA Approved Events:

- List all dates of the Matchplay Series that are to be held during the period detailed as the 'performance window' in 4(d)
- 3rd and 4th December 2016
7th and 8th January 2017
29th January 2017
18th and 19th February 2017
- The 2017 National Para Championship to be held at 25th and 26th March 2017.
- Any other events (if there are any) to be held during performance window that would be deemed Tier 1 or National/elite level

For athletes in the categories W1, Recurve, Compound and VI the definition of AA Approved Events is the exact same definition as QRE Events detailed below in Item 4 of the Schedule.

4. QRE Events

For the avoidance of doubt all three AQS and/or MQS are 70m x 72 arrow rounds (Recurve), and 50m x 72 arrow rounds (Compound) and 30m x 72 arrow round for VI can only be obtained from a round shot in the following events:

- (a) International, National and/or Domestic - World Archery Registered Tournament
- (b) An Archery Australia registered Qualifying and Ranking Event (QRE)

5. Tie Breaker Process:

Where a tie occurs at the completion of Stage Two, and that tie directly determines whether those athletes are to be selected onto the Team or not (for example, a tie for second where only two athletes are to be selected), the tie will be resolved by in the following manner (**Tie Breaker Process**):

- (a) a countback of '10s' and 'Xs' shot during Ranking Round of Stage Two (with the athlete who shot more '10s' and 'Xs' being the winner);

- (b) If the athletes remain tied, then a countback of 'Xs' shot during Ranking Round of Stage Two (with the athlete who shot more 'Xs' being the winner); and
- (c) if the athletes remain tied, a single round of match play will occur, with the winner of that round being determined the winner of the tie-breaker, and selected to the Team.

For the avoidance of doubt, a tie where both athletes would be (or both would not be) selected to the Team prior to the tie being broken, does not require a tie-breaker to occur, as it has no substantive impact. (for example, a tie between 1st and 2nd or 5th and 6th where the top 4 are selected does not require a tie-breaker).